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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL NCC COMPETING TEAMS

FROM: HQ CAP/CPC

SUBJECT: Rules of Engagement

1. Most of you are aware that for the past few years we have been operating the National Cadet Competition (NCC) under the rules found in the old CAPM 50-16, chapters 16 and 17. In 1998, I added two Rules of Engagement (ROE) letters that supplemented or changed some of the material found in CAPM 50-16. Attached is ROE #3 and covers some of the current questions as well as some specific housekeeping matters that pertain to NCC 2001.
2. You can e-mail me (rsmith@capnhq.gov) or call me (334.953.5309) if you have any questions about the NCC.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "ROBERT B. SMITH" with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Attachment: ROE #3

ROE #3

General Questions

Q. Where will the NCC be held this year?

A. The NCC 2001 will be held at the United States Air Force Academy's Preparatory School, June 23 – 27. Both June 23 and June 27 are travel days. All other days are busy with tours and competition events. For a complete schedule, visit the NCC national web site at: <http://www.capnhq.gov/nhq/cp/cpc/ncc/nccindex.htm>. The Air Force Academy is an active duty military base, so please follow proper military protocols (saluting, pausing for the reveille and retreats, giving priority to active duty troops at the dining hall, observing all speed zones, etc.).

Q. Is airlift available?

A. While we cannot guarantee airlift, we are the most optimistic of any NCC that the time and location of NCC this year will maximize the possibility of airlift. All teams need to submit their respective MSA (or travel letter) to Rob Smith, the NCC 01 national project officer, right away. This MSA (or travel letter) is vital to secure the airlift that we need! You can fax this information to 334.953.6699 or e-mail Rob Smith at cpc@capnhq.gov.

Q. If airlift falls through, will national headquarters pay for commercial fares?

A. Our National Board approved of a potential offset in the NCC Budget in November 2000 to help defray the costs for NCC transportation, but, as it is with anything that is approved after the fiscal year budget is set, it is an unfunded request. This means that only if we have funds from programs that do not execute will we be able to defray that cost. There might be a little left from some programs this year, but we might not know it until the end of the year. In addition, we would have to compete this unfunded request with any others that have come up to see who would get the funds. Bottom line: Even though it applies, getting the funds to the wings could not occur until toward the end of the fiscal year at best, if at all. Therefore, from a practical standpoint, help is likely not to be available this year, and if it is, it will most likely be in a reimbursement form rather than an up front form.

Q. Will jackets be provided this year?

A. Team jackets will not be provided this year. We provided jackets during the cold winter month of December. Since we are holding the NCC in June, there is no real need for the jackets. However, we have come up with a great replacement that I am sure the teams will enjoy! Regional or Team jackets are permitted, but will have no bearing on the judging of the competition.

Q. What are the major updates to the rules this year?

A. There are just three, all of which we have published on-line:

Update 1: Because of some potential space limitations for our weather alternative plans, the standard size drill field for the NCC 2001 will be 94 feet by 50 feet, the size of a standard college basketball court (Source: *Encyclopedia Britannica*[™], 1996). Teams should prepare for the 94 X 50 dimensions, as this will be the default drill field size.

Update 2: There has been some confusion about how the mile run will be scored. At the NCC this year, we will be using an extended point scale adjusted by gender. Our NCC web site has the extended scale posted (in Microsoft[™] Excel[™] format).

Update 3: The Air Force Academy requires a Hold Harmless Agreement (HHA) for this event. Our NCC web site has the PDF[™] version of the mandatory HHA. All participating cadets must have this HHA, properly signed, in order to participate in NCC this year. Please do not use this HHA for other purposes.

Q. Any special requirements for the team escorts?

A. Because of the nature of this event, we are requiring that all escorts be 25 or older. Also, one escort from each region should possess a valid CAPF 75, *Motor Vehicle Operator Identification Card* (commonly called a CAP Driver's License). The escorts must remain with the teams at all times and will be billeted with the teams.

Q. What do we do if there are contradictory rules?

A. Because there may be some confusion as to which set of rules to use (especially if there are contradictory rules), the NCC 2001 will use the following as the order of priority:

- ROE #3 (The one you're reading now)
- [ROE #2](#) (Dec 98)
- [ROE #1](#) (Sep 98)
- CAPM 50-16, [Chapter 16](#)
- CAPM 50-16, Chapter 17
- [AFMAN 36-2203](#)

If there is some confusion over a particular rule, then the order of priority listed above will be used to resolve any conflicts. If this order of priority stills does not address the confusion, then any remaining confusion, not addressed by the order of priority noted above, will be handled by the NCC 2001 [Activity Director](#), in consult with the [Chief Reservist](#) and the national Project Officer.

Q. Tell me more about billeting.

A. National headquarters will provide billeting at the prep school dorms for the cadet participants and their two assigned escorts. The dorm rooms are two to a room with community showers at the end of the hall. We are working on room assignments as we receive the MSAs (or travel letters).

Q. What about lodging for everyone else?

A. Because of the space limitations at the Air Force Academy, billeting is unavailable for almost everyone else. What this means is that almost everyone else will need to secure lodging on his or her own outside of the Air Force Academy. These folks will also need to provide for their own transportation to and from the Academy. There are a number of hotels near the Academy's South Gate (exit 150B on Interstate 25) and within 10 miles of the Air Force Academy.

Because of the timing of our event (incoming Academy freshmen, regional basketball tournament, Academy national sports camp, etc.), we were unable to block off 100 or so rooms for our guests. We were able to block off rooms for our region and wing commanders. Rob Smith, the national NCC project officer, is making direct contact with these distinguished visitors.

Q. What about early arrivals and late departures?

A. Because of other events occurring at the Air Force Academy and the prep school, we are unable to provide for billeting or meals for teams arriving before 1500 on Saturday, 23 June. The earliest check-in time is 1500 on 23 June. Those arriving before this time will need to eat off base as well (the dining facility is already booked).

National headquarters will provide lodging and meals for the participating cadets and their assigned escorts through 1300 on Wednesday, 27 June. If a team's departure is late due to circumstances beyond the team's control (for example, the airlift plane is down for maintenance), then national headquarters will try to make every reasonable accommodation for the team's safety and comfort.

Q. How are meals being handled this year?

A. National headquarters will provide meal tickets for all participating cadets and their assigned escorts (as well as for many of the NCC staff). Those without meal tickets are welcome to use the on-site dining facility, the High Country Inn, but will need to pay their own way. Breakfast is \$1.30; while lunch and dinner are \$2.65 each, regardless of what you eat. So remember the old adage, "Take all you want, but eat all you take."

Q. Are banquet tickets available?

A. We regret that due to the limited seating at the on-site club, the banquet can only handle the cadets, escorts and invited guests. There simply are no seats left. Rob Smith is looking into seeing if standing room only might be available. He will let the teams know at the initial briefing.

Q. What are the uniform requirements?

A. For the competition, all participating cadets will be in the standard blue uniform (shirt, pants and flight cap). No BDUs should be brought or worn while at NCC (we have invited the local CAP squadron to support the event and they will be the only ones in BDUs during the NCC). Cadets will wear all their authorized ribbons and badges (not some or none, but all).

Since we are at the premiere Air Force training center, all CAP senior members must meet the weight and grooming standards to wear the Air Force style uniform. Senior members have the option of wearing an appropriate uniform CAP uniform, as well.

The banquet is service coat for the senior members (or an appropriate equivalent – mess dress is over-dressing), and blue shirts with tie or tabs for the cadets.

Q. What is the rule about shoulder cords?

A. The National Executive committee in Nov 1999 approved a policy that “all drill teams and color guards shall wear the same color cord and shall wear them in accordance with current CAP regulations.” Here are the procedures;

- (1). Cadets, while participating in drill team or color guard duties, may wear a white shoulder cord only while participating in the drill or guard duties (See CAPM 39-1, 7.2).
- (2). The only cords authorized are the ones with the same style and shading as found through the CAP Bookstore.
- (3). Seniors are ineligible to wear the white shoulder cord, even if participating in a drill team or color guard.
- (4). If cadets are authorized to wear another shoulder cord (i.e.: cadets currently serving on a CAC), then they will need to wear the white cord during the NCC. Cadets cannot wear two cords at the same time.

Q. Will the media be present?

A. We have invited a host of media to this national event. The press will be allowed onto the playing fields during the competition, so teams should practice now for mock interviews and cameras with bright lights.

Q. What about medical care?

A. While we will have on-site medical personnel during our physical events, this care will only be immediate for stabilization. CAP members requiring medical care will be stabilized then sent to a local hospital for treatment. The member's personal insurance will be the primary agency billed (see CAPR 160-2 and CAPR 900-5 for details).

Q. What about the mile run?

A. The mile run will be held at the Academy's indoor Field House at 1930 on Sunday, 24 June. The track is about ¼ mile and no cleats of any kind are allowed.

Q. When will the next NCC be held?

A. While the location is still being determined, plan now to have NCC 2002 sometime in late June or early July.

Q. Who will be judging the NCC this year?

A. We are pleased to report that the Air Force Honor Guard will again be supporting NCC as our primary judges again this year. Rob Smith has briefed the Honor Guard on our specific rules and will be having daily briefings with the judges while at NCC.

Q. With the reduction in drill field size, how will this affect the reporting distance?

A. All teams will still need to report 12 paces from the chief judge. However, do not be surprised if the chief judge is four, or more, paces outside the boundary area.

Q. AFMAN 36-2203 lists the flanking movements incorrectly. What will be the rule of thumb for the NCC?

A. You are correct to point out that AFMAN 36-2203.3.18. is wrong. Regardless of the direction of march, the correct procedure is to step off with the left foot. The 737 TRG Standardization/Evaluation Flight at Lackland AFB (the one's responsible currently for the AFMAN 36-2203), recognize the error and will make an appropriate adjustment in the next printing. For now, paragraph 3.18 is replaced with the following:

“3.18. Face in Marching. The command is Right (Left) Flank, MARCH.

On the command MARCH, the airman executes a 90-degree pivot on the ball of the right foot and, at the same time, steps off with the left foot in the new direction with coordinated arm swing. The pivot and step are executed in one count, and proper dress, cover, interval, and distance are maintained. Note that regardless of the direction of the Face in Marching, the pivot is always on the right foot, concurrent with the step off with the left foot.”

Special thanks to Derrell Lipman of MA Wing for the catch on this one!

Q. Since the drill field is smaller, will the time to complete the standard drill be shortened?

A. No. One of the measures evaluated is the team commander's ability to address not only the commands but the environment as well (both the size and the time are environmental factors that will be judged). Teams should already be practicing their drill events for the smaller field dimensions.

Q. Will there be a dance after the banquet this year?

A. No (we simply don't have the room nor the time in the schedule).

NDTC Specific

Q. Can I videotape the panel quiz?

A. Other than an exception for NCC staff's needs, no electronic recording devices will be permitted in the panel quiz areas.

Q. In volleyball, where do the cadets rotate?

A. At the serve, and for this competition, at every serve. Since all cadets must participate, at the beginning of every serve a new cadet will rotate in. This is the only way to ensure that all cadets get to participate equally.

Q. What type of shoes are permitted for volleyball?

A. Regular tennis shoes (no cleats or black soles allowed).

Q. What is the rule for fewer volleyball players?

A. Teams playing without all 16 members will forfeit the game. However, there are a few exceptions:

- (1). Unless there is a medical reason for the shortage. This could be a temporary injury verified by the NCC Activity Director, or a Cat III disability verified in advance by the NCC Project Officer.
- (2). CAPM 50-16, chapter 16 rules would apply under these extenuating circumstances.

Q. Can we have fewer than 16 during the standard and innovative drill?

A. While it is expected that all cadets participate in all events, the NCC senior leaders will consider extenuating circumstances on a case-by-case basis. Teams must alert the NCC senior leaders (Activity Director, Chief Reservist, Project Officer) before Monday, 25 June, in writing and petition a ruling.

Q. Are color guard movements allowed in the innovative drill?

A. Only those movements specified in AFMAN 36-2203 and the NCC ROEs are permitted. Besides, the color guards themselves are limited to movements specified in AFMAN 36-2203 and the NCC ROEs.

NCGC Specific

Q. The on-line CAPM 50-16, chapter 17, states 2 paces for the reporting distance during the drill while the printed version says 12 paces. Which is correct?

A. There was an error printed in the on-line version of the CAPM 50-16, chapter 17, that stated 2 paces. This was in error. The correct distance is 12 paces.

Q. Should cadets be saluting the flag after posting the colors indoors?

A. While proper honors to the flag are always appropriate, different resources state varying rules. For the NCC this year, teams should render a salute after posting the colors indoors.

Q. Should cadets wear the blue belt for the uniform under the white webbing?

A. The judges will not remove or otherwise check to see if a blue belt is worn under the webbing or not. However, the judges will take note of no belt if any belt loops are exposed.

Last updated 15 May 2001 by Robert B. Smith, Lt Col, CAP, NCC 2001 national Project Officer.